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General Osborne this morning informed Mayor Brandt of Department of Army decision not to exempt Berlin from overall reduction of dependents. Stating that on basis present instructions Army dependents might be reduced by about 40 percent but Berlin American community reduction might be in neighborhood of 30 percent, General Osborne emphasized that no reduction Berlin Garrison contemplated. Also said he ~~hoped that~~ implementation reduction order would not involve exodus of dependents but be effected gradually through rotation.

Brandt said he deplored decision from political and psychological point of view and expressed his desire for carefully worded press release to obviate impression that all dependents might be withdrawn or that reduction Berlin Garrison also involved. Brandt also said he would inform Bonn of his views. He expecting joint FedGov/Berlin views might then be expressed through German Ambassador Washington or German representative NATO council.

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